

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Musical Event Title: Fête de la musique 2019 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka Date: June 21 Time: 2 pm – 10 pm</p>	<p>Star Melodies' Musical Evening Title: Shaheenaz Rahmatullah & Subir Nandi – Shorone O Srodhal Venue: The Daily Star Centre Date: June 15 Time: 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Exhibition Title: Mukhoshor Aaraley Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi Date: July 12 – 14 Time: 3 pm – 8 pm</p>	<p>Music Festival Title: Rabindra- Nazrul Jonmojayanti Venue: Bangladesh School of Harmony, Indira Road Date: June 21 Time: 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Concert Title: Rushlan's Acoustic Night Venue: Counter Culture Club, Dhanmondi Date: June 19 Entry: BDT 300 Time: 4:30 pm onwards</p>
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Emon on the success of 'Password'

Over the years, Emon has carved a space for himself in the entertainment industry with his magnificent aptitude as an actor. He is also popular in the fashion scene with his involvement in modelling. Besides films, Emon is also seen in tele-fictions every now and then. His latest venture was with Shakib Khan in the film 'Password', which opened nationwide with much success during the festive season of Eid. The versatile actor talks to The Daily Star regarding his recent endeavours.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 How has the response been after the release of 'Password'?
 To be honest, I am absolutely overwhelmed with the positive response for Password from all over Bangladesh! The producers are very happy with the film. Along with all the viewers, they too, praised my role in Password.
 Have you been to any of the movie theatres to watch the film or for promotional purposes?
 Yes, I have. I went to Blockbuster at Jamuna Future Park to watch Password. It was great to see the audience enjoy and appreciate the film. I have also been to Modhumita hall to find a similar response. I intend to visit a few more theatres soon.
 Did any of your family members go to the cinema hall to watch the film?
 Both my parents went to the theatre to watch

the film and they liked it. As my wife is an active critic of my work, she also appreciated my work in Password. After returning home from the cinema, my child cried after seeing me and said that my acting was amazing. This is more than I could have asked for.
 What role did you portray in 'Password'?
 I play Rusho, Shakib Khan's autistic brother, in the film. It is a heart touching story, and my role is unlike any that I have undertaken before. The viewers have never seen this side of me on screen. It was a challenging role and I am happy that people are liking my work.
 What new films are in your list?
 I am working on a film called Shahoshi Joddha, helmed by Sadek Siddiqi. Another project I am involved with is Amar Shidhdhanto, directed by Md Aslam. I am also working on a film adapted from a story by Rabindranath Tagore. Directed by Taju Kamrul, the film is titled Bela Obela.

In memory of MEHDI HASSAN

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 Mehdi Hassan, who popularised the art of ghazal singing and became known as the "king of ghazal" throughout the Muslim and Hindu communities, passed away on this day in 2012. He was 84.
 Ghazal had a small, elite audience before Hassan, who sang in Urdu in a mellow, velvety baritone voice, began attracting a following, first on the Indian subcontinent and then beyond. He garnered an extensive fan base, and his influence was so great that even some leading Pakistani and Indian classical vocalists took up ghazal singing. Hassan was born on July 18, 1927, in Luna, Rajasthan, in what was then British India. He had mastered the classical forms of dhrupad, thumri, khayal and dadra by the time he was 18, and begun performing at royal courts and public concerts. In 1952, he began singing on Radio Pakistan, where his uncle was a music director. His song, *Jis ne mere dil ko dard diya* from the film *Susral* and the popular ghazal, *Insha ji ab kooch karo is shar me dil ko lagna kia*, made him immortal. He would go on to record songs for the soundtracks of close to 300 movies. In 1983, in the court of King Birendra, he was awarded Gorkha Dakshina Bahu by the Government of Nepal.



PHOTO: AP

Bobita and her sisters celebrate Eid with underprivileged children

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 Renowned actor Farida Akhter Bobita celebrated an Eid festival with underprivileged children recently. She is the Distressed Children & Infants

International (DCII)'s goodwill ambassador. She spent the day with the children at her residence in Gulshan. Her sisters, actors Shuchanda and Champa, were also present on the occasion. More than

40 children spent quality time with Bobita. They had a lot of fun with the actors, singing songs such as *O Mor Romjaner Oi Rojar Sheshe* and *Sraboner Meghulo* among others.



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Bengal Foundation's 'Gaaner Jhorna Tolay' kicks off today

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 A three-day musical event titled, 'Gaaner Jhorna Tolay', organised by Bengal Foundation, is set to start today at Bengal Shilpalay. Students of Bengal Parampara Sangeetalay will perform classical music

today. The second day of the event will feature the musical show, *Praner Khela*, while on the third day, the launching ceremony of CDs will be held. The programme will begin daily from 7 pm. On the other hand, with an objective of unfolding the classical music world

to the masses, Bengal Foundation has recently released as many as 37 videos on their official YouTube channel. The videos shed light on genres, ragas and other different aspects of classical music. A few of these videos will be presented in front of the audience on the first day of the event.

Kamal Ahmed's 'Megh Rong' to release on June 15

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 The music video of the song, *Megh Rong*, from noted singer Kamal Ahmed's latest album, *Barsha Biroho*, will be out on Laser Vision's YouTube Channel on June 15. The lyricist of *Megh Rong* is Mohammad

Abul Kalam Azad. The music and video of the song is directed by Zamiur Rahman Lemon. Tonu Anam features in the video. An award-winning singer and the director of programme at Bangladesh Betar, Kamal Ahmed has previously released 16 albums.

